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### **Controller Westly Appoints Sherry Lansing to Stem Cell Oversight Committee**

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today appointed Paramount Pictures executive and cancer research advocate Sherry Lansing to the oversight panel that will govern stem-cell research in California.

Lansing will be among 29 members of the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee that will direct the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine established by Proposition 71.

"Sherry Lansing brings an outstanding record of leadership, public service and advocacy for cancer victims to this post," Westly said. "As one of the world's top executives, she will bring tough business, management, and oversight skills to this committee."

"I am deeply honored to have been invited to join this commission," stated Lansing. "This program will focus the efforts of outstanding scientists on research that has the potential to cure or prevent some of the most intractable and devastating diseases of our time. I am thrilled to participate in this pioneering work that promises to save and improve lives all over the world."

Lansing is chairman of Paramount Pictures' Motion Picture Group, a post she has held since 1992. She also chairs Stop Cancer a non-profit volunteer organization that raises funds for scientists on the cutting edge of cancer.

Lansing serves as a University of California Regent. She is a member of the board of directors of Teach for America and the National Board of the American Red Cross. She served on the board of trustees of Scripps College, the Independent Colleges of Southern California, and the UCLA Foundation. Lansing holds a bachelor's of science degree from Northwestern University.

Controller Westly earlier appointed Stanford Medical School Dean Dr. Philip Pizzo and Burnham Institute CEO Dr. John C. Reed to the oversight committee. Westly will appoint two more members and nominate a chair and vice-chair to the committee before its inaugural meeting Dec. 17.

Westly will also serve as a chair of a second panel established by the initiative, the Citizen's Financial Accountability Oversight Committee, and appoint one of its members.

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